

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-14, and 16-28 are pending in this application.

Applicant proposes to make minor changes to claim 10 to correct an antecedent basis problem. In particular, Applicant proposes to amend claim 10 to change the references to “right bit” and “left bit” in lines 6-8 of this claim to “first bit” and “second bit,” respectively. These changes, which do not introduce any new matter, merely address formal matters and do not change the scope of the claim. In addition, this paper is being submitted concurrently with payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the proposed changes comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and respectfully requests that such changes be entered.

In addition, since the allowance of the subject application, Applicant’s undersigned representative has been made aware of the three (3) references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449 (a copy of the non-U.S. patent publication listed in the PTO Form 1449 also is attached). Applicant’s undersigned representative has reviewed the references listed in the PTO Form 1449 and believes that they are cumulative of the prior art of record in the subject application. Applicant acknowledges that under the PTO rules the Examiner is not obligated to consider the listed references at this time. In the event that the listed references are not considered, Applicant requests that the PTO Form 1449 and the copy of the non-U.S. patent publication attached hereto be placed in the file for the subject application so that the record reflects that this information was submitted to the PTO.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this paper. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the processing of this paper, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any fees are due to effect consideration of

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this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MXICP031).

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